


# ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT

<p>It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the information on this form current.          To advise the County of any changes please contact Christine Coble          by telephone at 606-5300 or by e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov          Applications will be discarded if no appointment is made after two years.</p>		
Name: Martha Olive-Hall		Date: April 19, 2011
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Occupation: Lawyer/Community Volunteer	Employer: Law Office of William Hall	
<p><b>Please check box for preferred mailing address.</b>          Work Address: 917 North Monroe Street           City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, Florida 32303</p>		
<p><b>**Home Address: 272 Rosehill Drive North</b>           City/State/Zip: Tallahassee, Florida 32312</p>		
<p>Do you live in Leon County? Yes. If yes, do you live within the City limits? No          Do you own property in Leon County? Yes If yes, is it located within the City limits? No           For how many years have you lived in and/or owned property in Leon County? 51 years</p>		
<p><b>Are you interested in serving on any specific Committee(s)? If yes, please indicate your preference</b>           1st Choice: Commission on the Status of Women and Girls</p>		
<p><b>If not interested in any specific Committee(s), are you interested in a specific subject matter? If yes, please check those areas in which you are interested, or describe other areas not listed:</b>           Culture and Arts ___ Environmental/ Growth Management ___ Health Care ___ Human Relations ___          Human Services ___ Housing ___ Library Services ___          Other Areas _____</p>		
<p><b>Have you served on any previous Leon County committees?</b> No</p>		
<p><b>How many days per month would you be willing to commit for Committee work?</b> 4 or more  <b>And for how many months would you be willing to commit that amount of time?</b> 6 or more  <b>What time of day would be best for you to attend Committee meetings?</b> Either Day or Night</p>		
<p><b>(OPTIONAL)</b> Leon County strives to meet its goals, and those contained in various federal and state laws, of maintaining a membership in its Advisory Committees that reflects the diversity of the community. Although strictly optional for Applicant, the following information is needed to meet reporting requirements and attain those goals.          Race: Caucasian          Sex: Female Age: 51 Disabled? No</p>		
<p>Persons needing a special accommodation to participate in an Advisory Committee should contact          Christine Coble by telephone at 606-5300 or e-mail at CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov</p>		

In the space below briefly describe or list the following: any previous experience on other Committees; your educational background; your skills and experience you could contribute to a Committee; any of your professional licenses and/or designations and indicate how long you have held them and whether they are effective in Leon County; any charitable or community activities in which you participate; and reasons for your choice of the Committee indicated on this Application. Please attach your resume, if one is available.

**Education:**

Leon High School: 1974 -1977 Early Admission to College

Florida State University: 1977-1978 Dance Major

University of Utah: 1978 -1980 B.F.A.

Florida State University College of Law: 1982 -1985 Juris Doctor, with Honors

**Profession:**

Law Office of William Hall: 1999 - Present

Part-time civil trial and appellate attorney with emphasis on personal injury and civil rights litigation. I manage all aspects of a lawsuit including discovery, mediation, courtroom appearances and appeals.

Bryant, Miller & Olive, P.A. / Associate Attorney / July, 1991 - January, 1995

Parker, Skelding, Labasky & Corry, P.A./ Associate Attorney / October, 1989 – July, 1991

Florida State Attorney General's Office /Asst. Attorney General / February, 1987 – September, 1989

First District Court of Appeals / Judicial Clerk for Honorable E.R. Mills / July, 1985 – February, 1987

**Professional Affiliations:**

Florida Bar: 1985 to Present

American Bar Association: 1985 to Present

Tallahassee Women Lawyers: 1987 to 1999 (Former Vice President and Board member)

Tallahassee Bar Association: 1985 – 1998

Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals: 1989 – Present

United States middle District Court: 1987 – Present

United States Northern District Court: 1988 – Present

**Community Involvement:**

Leadership Tallahassee

Board of Governors 2002 to Present

Program Chair, Class 27

Speaker on Leadership at Leon County Sustainability Conference

Chair, Distinguished Leadership Awards

Chair, Twenty-Five Year Celebration

Member Class 19 ("Big Cheese")

Volunteer of the Year, Tallahassee Democrat , 2007

Founding Member of Oasis Center for Women and Girls 2009 to Present

Chair, Trailblazers Luncheon

Tallahassee Ballet Company

Board of Directors 1985 - 2008

Past President 2005 - 2007

Florida State University Friends of Dance

Board of Directors 1994 to Present

Past President 1997 – 1998

Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra

Board of Directors 1996 – 2010

Junior League of Tallahassee

(Past Board Member)

Active 1985 – 1990, Sustainer 1990 – Present

**Refuge House Board of Directors 1990 – 2003**

Other: Chair of American Heart Association 2003 Heart Ball; Volunteer Tree House; Volunteer Maclay School ( Volleyball Booster President, Maclay Auction, Parents' Club, Homeroom Mother); Volunteer Chiles High School; Capital Women's Network (Director 1998-1999); Volunteer Big Bend Hospice; Panelist on Channel 20 Florida Room

**Reasons for Committee Request:**

Through my association with the Oasis Center for Women and Girls and Refuge House, I have become aware of the lack of coordination of services for women and girls and the need for oversight to ensure gaps do not occur. I think the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls could provide a crucial way for the various agencies and volunteers in this area of the community to come together for needed information and support. I believe that my organizational and problem-solving skills would be an asset to this committee.

As a native of Tallahassee and a very active volunteer, I believe I would bring important connections to this endeavor and that my profession as an attorney would be an asset. I can assure you that I would be strongly committed and work hard to reach tangible goals. I believe the level of dedication I bring to causes I am associated with is exemplified by the fact I was named Volunteer of the Year in 2007 by the Tallahassee Democrat and was a finalist for Leader of the Year in 2003 at the Distinguished Leadership Awards having been nominated by the American Heart Association.

Through my lengthy association with Leadership Tallahassee, I have developed strong leadership skills and truly understand the obligation to step up when a need in my hometown presents itself. As the mother of four children, two of whom are daughters, I feel very passionate about the important work this commission would be undertaking and would treasure the opportunity to make a contribution to its success.

Thank you for your consideration

**References (you must provide at least one personal reference who is not a family member):**

Name: Kelly Otte Telephone: (850) 509-9737  
Address: 1075 Alameda Drive Tallahassee, Florida

Name: Barbara Boone Telephone: (850) 894-7037  
Address: 1213 Conservancy Drive East Tallahassee, Florida 32312

**IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

AS A MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ANY APPLICABLE LAWS REGARDING GOVERNMENT-IN-THE-SUNSHINE, CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS, AND PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THESE APPLICABLE LAWS INCLUDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, CIVIL FINES, AND THE VOIDING OF ANY COMMITTEE ACTION AND OF ANY SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS AND TO ASSIST YOU IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ORIENTATION PUBLICATION [www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/bcc/committees/training.asp) BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION IS DEEMED COMPLETE.

Have you completed the Orientation? Yes

Are you willing to complete a financial disclosure form and/or a background check, if applicable? Yes

Will you be receiving any compensation that is expected to influence your vote, action, or participation on a Committee? No

Do you anticipate that you would be a stakeholder with regard to your participation on a Committee? No

Do you know of any circumstances that would result in you having to abstain from voting on a Committee due to voting conflicts? No

Do you or your employer, or your spouse or child or their employers, do business with Leon County? No

Do you have any employment or contractual relationship with Leon County that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict with regard to your participation on a Committee? No

All statements and information provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return Application

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Leon County Board of County Commissioners  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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